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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION:
PLAN DELTA AND POSSIBLE MOVE TO BRUNSSUM OF NATO AEW PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAPMA)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VARIOUS ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE POSSIBLE
MOVES INTO AND OUT OF BRUNSSUM INVOLVING NAPMA AND PLAN
DELTA WITH VIDAR WIKBERG, MFA DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATO
AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 7. WIKBERG, AFTER
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QUICK TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND WITH OTHER OFFICERS IN THE
MFA, SAID THAT THE GON HAD NO HARD VIEWS ON THE
SUBJECT. THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE SHIFT OF NAPMA FROM
BRUSSELS WERE BASED ENTIRELY ON PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS--
I.E. THAT IT WAS MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE THE OFFICE
IN BRUSSELS THAN IN BRUNSSUM. HOWEVER, HE FULLY

AGREED THAT THE LARGER ISSUE OF INSURING ALLIED (I.E. BELIGIA) SUPPORT FOR THE AWACS PROGRAM TOOK PRIORITY. THEREFOR, IF THE MAJORITY ALLIED VIEW FAVERED CANCELLING PLAN DELTA AND MOVING THE NAPMA TO BRUNSSUM, THE NORWEGIANS WOULD GO ALONG. HOWEVER, THE GON WOULD HESITATE IN TAKING A POSITION THAT WAS PERCEIVED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AS HARMING ITS INTERESTS.

2. WIKBERG ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPING USG THOUGHT ON THE SUBJECT AND ON THE POSITION ULTIMATELY ADOPTED. THE INFERENCE WAS THAT IF WE COULD CLEARLY JUSTIFY THE STANCE FINALLY TAKEN THAT HE WOULD BE ALBE TO WIN OVER WHATEVER LINGERING OPPOSITION THERE MIGHT BE IN THE MFA AND MOD.

3. ACTION REQUEST: WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT INFING US ON ANY MESSAGES DEALING WITH THE PLAN DELTA/ BRUNSSUM/NAPMA MOVE.

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